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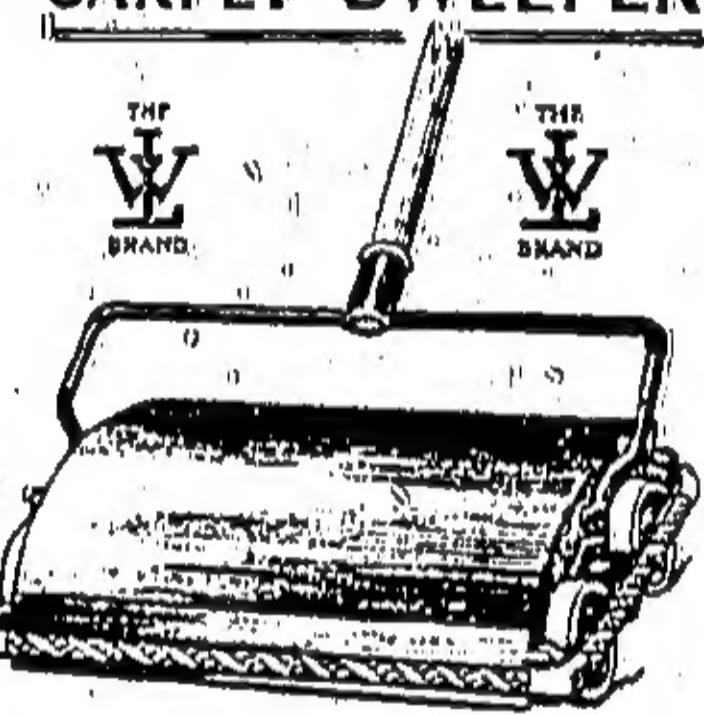


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### HANKOW BOMBSHELL.

Mr. Eugene Chen Breaks Off Negotiations.

### STRANGE OUTBURST.

Landing of Troops At Shanghai Resented.

### "PERIOD OF DURESS."

Anti-British Posters Reappear In The Concession.

Hankow, February 2.

Mr. Eugene Chen has broken off negotiations, refusing to sign an agreement, when British armed forces are "concentrating" at Shanghai.—Reuter.

### HANKOW BOMBSHELL.

Anti-British Posters Now  
Reappearing.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

Reuter is authoritatively informed that negotiations for the settlement of the Hankow and Kiukiang Concessions question between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen were concluded on Jan. 29, and on Jan. 31, the final corrections were made to the draft agreement which was to be signed that afternoon. The same day, however, Mr. Chen announced that unforeseen events had occurred which would prevent a signature of the agreement, and yesterday he explained in a formal statement that the Nationalist Government could not sign any agreement when British armed forces were concentrating at Shanghai.

These events have been fully reported by Mr. O'Malley who is now awaiting instructions as to how he should act.—Reuter.

New Year Gloom.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

The breakdown of the negotiations between Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley has not caused any very great surprise here, for though it was generally believed that a draft agreement had been drawn up for signature during the weekend it had been realised all along that the Foreign Minister was having a most difficult time endeavouring to win over the irreconcilable members of the Kuomintang to a reasonable settlement.

The dropping of this bombshell naturally clouded the New Year prospects.

It is significant that anti-British posters are already reappearing in the British Concession, even on the walls of the former Volunteer Headquarters, which is used as headquarters by the Chinese troops entrusted with the task of ensuring the peace of the Concession.—Reuter.

### STRANGE METHODS.

Mr. Chen Not a Free Agent?

Rugby, Feb. 1.

The signature of a draft agreement regarding the future status of the British Concession at Hankow has been postponed by Mr. Eugene Chen on the grounds that he was unable to sign while British forces were being landed at Shanghai without necessity. The negotiations have been broken off.

This does not affect the validity of the principles of a broad and modern policy in regard to China which the British Government has definitely laid down.

The "Times" says: "When towards the end of the last meeting Mr. Eugene Chen agreed to the draft with Mr. O'Malley on the basis of the latest British proposals for an agreement over the status of the Hankow Concession, he knew perfectly well that the British Government was sending troops to protect its nationals in Shanghai if necessary against the kind of mob violence that had already been exercised in Hankow, and he formulated a protest against the dispatch of troops.

"But at the same time he agreed to negotiate. Now he has suddenly held up the negotiations on the pretext that the British Government is sending troops. From this strange proceeding the deduction may fairly be drawn that Mr. Eugene Chen is not altogether a free agent."—British Wireless Service.

"Period of Duress."

Mr. Chen Issues An Official Statement.

Hankow, Feb. 2.

Mr. Eugene Chen's statement to Mr. O'Malley, breaking off negotiations declares:

"Since the negotiations regarding the future status of the British Concession at Hankow began on Jan. 12, a singular concentration of armed British forces has been progressing at Shanghai with the alleged object of protection of British lives and property in the event of the same being endangered by the forcible occupation of the International Settlement of Shanghai.

"But it is significant that though the Japanese and Americans have large and vital interests in the same place they have not found it necessary to resort to the massing of armed forces there."

"American Regret."

New York, Feb. 2.

The news that Mr. Eugene Chen has refused to continue

### THE "SUFFOLKS."

Arriving To-morrow By  
"Achilles."

### WILL BE LANDED HERE.

The s.s. "Achilles," with the 2nd Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment, will not arrive in Hong Kong until to-morrow morning, arrangements having been made for the ship to go alongside Holt's wharf.

It is understood that the troops will be landed and that the following arrangements have been made, information with regard to future destination not being at present available:

One Company will be stationed at Lyemui with the Royal Artillery.

Another Company will be stationed in Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, room having been made for them by a detachment of R.A.'s having moved out to Stonecutters'.

The remainder of the Battalion, comprising 2 Companies and Headquarters' Wing, will be accommodated at Victoria and Wellington Barracks.

London, Feb. 2.

With reference to the situation at Hankow news has been received in well-informed quarters in London that in the course of the negotiations Mr. Eugene Chen raised the question of the despatch of British troops to China.

Consequently the negotiations have taken a new turn as a result of which the early signature of a draft agreement must be postponed.

It is explained that the delay is not on general proposals, but on the future Hankow and Kiukiang incidents.—Reuter.

Cabinet's Special Meeting.

London, Feb. 2.

Following a special meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon to discuss the China situation, Mr. Baldwin, Lord Balfour and other Ministers conferred with Sir Austen Chamberlain at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

Japan Upholds Britain.

Rugby, Feb. 1.

Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Budget Committee in Tokyo pointed out that it was impossible for Britain owing to her geographical position, to wait upon events in Shanghai, and that the despatch of British forces in China and that the despatch of British forces was a proper and natural precautionary measure for the safety of British subjects.—British Wireless Service.

Incorrect?

Rugby, Feb. 2.

A London Press report that the discussions between Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley have been broken off is incorrect.

From the information at present available it appears that in the course of the negotiations regarding the future status of the British Concession at Hankow, Mr. Chen raised the question of the despatch of British troops to China.

In consequence the negotiations have taken a new turn and the prospect of an early signature of the draft agreement providing for an amicable settlement of the Hankow and Kiukiang incidents must be postponed.—British Wireless.

Incorrect?

Rugby, Feb. 2.

In the course of the negotiations regarding the future status of the British Concession at Hankow, Mr. Chen raised the question of the despatch of British troops to China.

In consequence the negotiations took place in an atmosphere free from the intimidation necessarily involved in the present concentration by the British of their troops.

British Treaty Rights.

In reply to proposals outlined by Mr. O'Malley on Jan. 27 for the revision of certain British treaty rights, the Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that the proposal envisaged only a fragmentary revision of some of the treaty servitudes affecting China and that while the Nationalist Government could not regard such revision as satisfactory or adequate, they were nevertheless prepared to consider and discuss the terms outlined as a basis for a comprehensive and reasoned settlement of existing differences between Nationalist China and the British, provided, inter alia, that the discussions and negotiations took place in an atmosphere free from the intimidation necessarily involved in the present concentration by the British of their troops.

"But the continued concentration of British forces, referred to as the 'Chinese Expeditionary Force,' as well as certain military information relating to the British plan of war operations in China, which has now come to the knowledge of the Nationalist Government, will make it impossible for the Nationalist Government to continue to view the British concentration at Shanghai except as an act of coercion directed against Chinese Nationalism."

"Signing Under Duress."

To sign any agreement in these circumstances would be tantamount to signing under the duress of force. No agreement so signed could be real or effective.

The Nationalist Government must therefore await the ending of this period of duress before authorising the signing of an

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### BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Text of Our Offer To North And South.

### SEVEN POINTS.

"Earnest of a Fair And Conciliatory Spirit."

The British proposals, the text of which is now released for publication, represent a "liberal and generous step" as an earnest of our "fair and conciliatory spirit."

### COURTS IN CHINA.

Special Privileges Waived.

Rugby, Feb. 2.

The following is the text of the British proposals communicated to the Chinese authorities at Peking and Hankow on Jan. 27:

(1) His Majesty's Government are prepared to discuss and enter into arrangements according to the particular circumstances at each port concerned for modification of the municipal administration of British Concessions so as to bring them into line with the administrations of the special Chinese administrations set up in former Concessions, or for their amalgamation with former Concessions now under Chinese control, or for the transfer of police control of the Concession areas to the Chinese authorities.

(2) His Majesty's Government are prepared to discuss and enter into arrangements according to the particular circumstances at each port concerned for modification of the municipal administration of British Concessions so as to bring them into line with the administrations of the special Chinese administrations set up in former Concessions, or for their amalgamation with former Concessions now under Chinese control, or for the transfer of police control of the Concession areas to the Chinese authorities.

(3) His Majesty's Government are prepared to apply as far as practicable in British Courts in China the modern Chinese civil and commercial codes—apart from procedure codes and those affecting personal status—and duly enacted subordinate legislation as and when such laws and regulations are promulgated and enforced in the Chinese Courts and on Chinese citizens throughout China.

Taxation of British Subjects.

(4) His Majesty's Government are prepared to make British subjects in China liable to pay such regular and legal Chinese taxation not involving discrimination against British subjects or Bri-

tish goods as is in fact imposed on and paid by Chinese citizens throughout China.

(5) His Majesty's Government are prepared, as soon as a revised Chinese penal code is promulgated and applied in Chinese Courts in China.

(6) His Majesty's Government are prepared to discuss and enter into arrangements according to the particular circumstances at each port concerned for modification of the municipal administration of British Concessions so as to bring them into line with the administrations of the special Chinese administrations set up in former Concessions, or for their amalgamation with former Concessions now under Chinese control, or for the transfer of police control of the Concession areas to the Chinese authorities.

(7) His Majesty's Government are prepared to accept the principle that British missionaries should no longer claim the right to purchase land in the interior, that Chinese converts should look to Chinese law and not to the treaties for protection; and that missionary, educational and medical institutions will conform to similar Chinese institutions.

When communicating these proposals to Mr. Chen at Hankow on January 27, Mr. O'Malley presented them with the following:

Liberal and Generous."

"When a satisfactory settle-

ment has been reached respecting the British Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang, and when as-

surance have been given by the

Nationalist Government that they

will not countenance any altera-

tion except by negotiation of the

status of the British Concessions

and the international settlements.

His Majesty's Government will

be prepared to concede at once

and on the lines indicated in the

enclosure hereto part of what is

desired of them by the Chinese

Nationalist Party. So liberal and

generous a step cannot in their

view be regarded otherwise than

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY  
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Signal Station.....	1774
Mt. Parker.....	1734
Mountain Lodge.....	1725
The Erys.....	1725
Peak Hotel.....	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium.....	1000
Mt. Davis.....	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds).....	297
Mainland.	
Tai Mo Shan.....	8124
Kowloon Peak.....	1971

The above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite

## NOTICES.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the abovementioned Resolution will be proposed.

- (1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."
- (2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the words "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."
- (3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

- (4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."
- (5) Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.  
By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

## BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m. when the abovementioned Resolution will be proposed.

- (1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Company shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."
- (2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

- (3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

- (4) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

- (5) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "company" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the company shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

- (6) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.  
By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

## NOTICES.

## FRENCH RELICS.

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.  
By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m. when the abovementioned Resolution will be proposed.

- (1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."
- (2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the words "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."
- (3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.  
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## TREASURES NO ONE SEES.

The French Government is making an inventory of its possessions in the way of gold and silver plate, tapestry, pictures, and precious furniture.

This does not include objects in the museums of Paris and provincial towns and art collections scattered all over France, but those of the "household equipment" of the Government. The list includes state possessions in London, Rome, Berlin, and Madrid, Washington, Peking, and elsewhere.

Every French Embassy abroad and many Legations and Consulates contain furniture by such masters as Riesener or Jacob, carpets from Aubusson, and tapestries from Beauvais, with chintz from Sevres and Limoges.

The value of these national possessions has never been estimated. It is certainly well over £20,000,000, but it may be twice or even five times that sum.

The French describe these possessions as the "nationals wardrobe." They are housed when not in use—and not more than one twentieth of them are touched from one end of the year to the other.

Rolled Up For 50 Years.

There are magnificent Savonnerie carpets more than 70 feet long by 30 broad, which have been rolled up with their necessary accompaniment of pepper and naphthaline for more than fifty years. It is said that it would take forty men to unroll and sweep them, and it is now feared that they may be becoming rotten on the folds.

Precious gold and silver thread embroidery tapestries are hung in series of dozens and dusted once every six months. In the attics of the State warehouses behind steep doors lie, deep under the dust of scores of years, quaint oak and mahogany coffers containing gold and silver work. There are epergnes, dishes, and salvers, all snugly encased in their mother-of-pearl baize covers.

And close by, in another set of coffers, are hundreds of gold and silver articles of church plate.

These have been amassed through centuries for the use of French Kings and Queens at marriages and baptisms and are strangely out of place in the present secular French Republic.

The suggestion has been made that all these treasures, except those necessary in the case of visits of Sovereigns to Paris, should be distributed to French provincial museums.

## PRIZE ERROR IN SALE.

## 10,000 FRANCS READ AS

1,000.

Paris.—A curious case affecting a jeweller and his customer will shortly come up for decision. The question to be decided is: Can a jeweller who sold a bracelet for 10,000 francs demand the return of the article on the ground that a mistake had been made in the sale price, which should have been 1,000 francs? In September last Mrs. Hofheimer, an American, was passing a jeweller's shop in the Faubourg Saint-Honoré and was attracted by a bracelet. On being asked the price the woman shop assistant looked at the letters on the ticket, which correspond to figures, and replied, "A thousand francs." Mrs. Hofheimer paid the money, put the bracelet on her wrist, and left. When the jeweller heard that the bracelet had been sold for 1,000 francs he ordered his assistant to run after the American and tell her that a mistake had been made, and that the price of the article was 10,000 francs. The purchaser could not, however, be found. The assistant had, it seems, imperfectly understood the letters on the ticket, which indicated 10,000 francs.

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Vehicle..... 5,228,445

Cars taxed on horse-power..... 642,850 9,054,681

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Invalid vehicles..... 819 206

Commercial goods..... 257,283 5,228,445

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Motor ploughs, &c..... 16,304 4,076

Motor tractors, &c..... 1,298 24,180

Motor hackneys..... 82,677 2,378,074

Trams..... 14,130 10,589

General trade licences..... 2,824 68,605

Limited trade licences..... 11,725 51,059

Exempt vehicle licences..... 17,568 —

Total motor vehicles..... 1,647,391 18,364,319

Horse-drawn (private)..... 109,055 84,824

Horse-drawn (hackneys)..... 18,193 18,635

Total horse-drawn..... 127,248 98,459

The average receipt of a whole year licence was £14 17s.

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PRESIDENT MADISON	Tuesday, Mar. 29th	10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT JACKSON	Tuesday, Apr. 12th	10.00 a.m.

Thereafter Fortnightly Sailings on Tuesdays.

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PRESIDENT JACKSON	Friday, Feb. 4th	5.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY	Wednesday, Feb. 16th	5.00 p.m.
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PRESIDENT TAFT	Feb. 4th	3.00 p.m.
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Captain J. Johnstone, of the "Luchow," has gone master, "King Yuan."

Captain E. M. Bellie, of the "Taming," is on reserve.

Captain J. D. Fraser, from reserve, has gone master, "Taming."

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, "King Yuan," has gone chief officer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. J. A. McKinley, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "King Yuan."

Mr. B. C. Finch, chief officer, "Kwangtung," is on Home leave.

Mr. N. Pounder, chief officer, "Namehau," is on reserve.

Mr. G. R. Terrible, second officer, "Namehau," is on reserve.

Mr. J. H. McHaren, second officer, "Namehau," is on reserve.

Mr. J. J. Layton, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, "Namehau."

Mr. A. G. Sturte, chief engineer, "Namehau," has gone chief engineer, "Kutsang."

Mr. K. Logan, chief engineer, "Soochow," is on reserve.

Mr. J. McBride, second engineer, "Soochow," has gone second engineer, "Kalgan."

Mr. W. Paxton, supply second engineer, "King Yuan," has gone second engineer, "Toun."

Mr. C. E. V. Farver, second engineer, "Hooper," is on reserve.

Mr. W. R. Woodman, supply second engineer, "Sunning," is on reserve.

Mr. R. H. McLaren, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Hooper."

Mr. J. C. Campbell, third engineer, "Ninghai," has gone third engineer, "Kwangtung."

Mr. W. S. Sharp, third engineer, "Kwangtung," is on Home leave.

Mr. H. S. Beech, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, "King Yuan."

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DELTA	5,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
KASHGAR	9,095	12th March	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	Singapore, M'ras, Ethan, H'burg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	30th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,554	19th March	Marsailles & London
MACEONIA	11,122	2nd April	Marsailles & London
KHYBER	9,144	6th April	M'ras, Ethan, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANNA	8,166	16th April	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marsailles and London
NELLORE	6,853	13th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOKRA	10,918	28th May	Marsailles & London
KASHMIR	9,095	11th June	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	20th June	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
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TANDA	6,956	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Illoilo, Thursday
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SHIRALA	7,841	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,554	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
CAMBHIRA	5,267	18th Feb.	Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLWA	10,900	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACEONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,144	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANNA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	6,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	8,097	1st April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	6,000	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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## AMERICAN SHIPPING BOARD LOSSES.

## 50% CUT IN TWO YEARS.

The tenth annual report of the U.S. Shipping Board shows that the losses sustained by the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the operation of Government ships were reduced by more than 50 per cent. from the fiscal year 1924 to the fiscal year 1926. During 1926 the amount of losses was less than \$4,000,000, the report states, while in 1925, they were about \$6,000,000 and in 1924 about \$28,000,000. Reduction of these losses, it is shown by the report, is an important feature of the Shipping Board's programme of liquidating the large emergency fleet of which the Government found itself in possession at the close of the war.

## Improved Cargo Operations.

Part of the reduction in losses during 1926 and preceding years was the result of savings incident to the sale of ships. This was in accordance with the purpose of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, of establishing a permanent merchant marine ultimately to be privately owned. A much greater part of the reduction, however, is directly traceable to improved operations particularly in the cargo services maintained by the board. Better revenues obtained and expenses were kept within reasonably limits, the report says, with the result that average losses on operations were materially reduced.

The tenth annual report of the Shipping Board constitutes briefly a review of its work in the establishment and maintenance of an adequate merchant marine and its liquidation and marine development programmes. Due to the fact that the merchant marine planning committee of the board is preparing a report in the maintenance of American shipping, the board's annual report does not contain any new recommendations to Congress.

The Government-owned merchant fleet was reduced during the fiscal year ended June 30 1926 by a total of 350 ships, representing 1,671,390 d.w. tons, the report states. This reduction was accomplished by selling ships to private interests, both for operation and for scrapping purposes. With these sales, the total Government-owned fleet was reduced to 681 vessels of 6,876,063 tons in the aggregate. Among the 350 ships disposed of were 199 (total 813,820 d.w. tons), all practically without market value as commerce carriers, sold to the Ford Motor Company for scrapping purposes.

## The Loan Fund.

The report shows the amount at present available to the construction loan fund is £12,186,099, including repayments on account of principal of outstanding loans, which repayments amount in the aggregate to £79,099. The amount at present on hand is subject to the following commitments, however: namely, £1,460,000 on loans which have been assured by the board, and also so much as the board may transfer from the construction loan fund to meet obligations, in excess of funds otherwise available for that use, incident to the Diesel conversion programme of the board authorised by the act of June 6, 1924, which act, however, limits the expenditures for that purpose to £5,000,000. Based on the amount of funds at present available from other sources for this use, the amount which may be drawn from the construction loan fund in connection with the Diesel conversion programme is about £3,000,000; hence, the amount available for current loans under possible new application is about £7,600,000. The total amount credited to this fund during the five-year period of accumulation from June 3, 1920, to June 5, 1925, was £15,909,860.

## Sale of Vessels.

During that period, however, the sum of £22,361,790 was transferred from the fund back to the general fund of the United States Treasury on the ground that this deposit was not justified by the provision of the Act. While ample funds were received from sales of vessels and other property during the five-year period to have justified the setting aside of the entire sum of £25,000,000, as authorised by the Act, the report states that amount was not set aside, due in large measure to the fact that appropriation acts had required a large part of the proceeds of sales to be applied to current expense of operation, and funds were, therefore, not always available for the annual allotment to the construction-loan fund.

Action on the bills of Mr. Scott, of Michigan, in the House, and of Senator Jones, of Washington, in the Senate, having in view not only procuring for the fund the several amounts lost to it under technical rulings but also having in view an increase of the fund to the amount originally designed by Congress, namely, £25,000,000, the report explains, was not practicable before the last adjournment of Congress but they have been sympathetically considered and it is the hope of the Shipping Board that they will be passed at the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

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**MR. EUGENE CHEN'S  
METHODS.**

The news that Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has broken off negotiations with Mr. O'Malley, the British representative at Hankow,

will cause painful surprise, still more so the reason advanced for this sudden action. Mr. Chen states that it is impossible to con-

tinute negotiations "while British forces are being landed at Shanghai without necessity."

How absurd this attitude is hardly

needs pointing out, for as the

"Times" says in a comment sent

out by wireless from Rugby, Mr.

Chen knew perfectly well that the

British Government was sending

forces to protect its nationals at

Shanghai; when towards the end

of the last meeting he agreed to a

draft with Mr. O'Malley on the

basis of the latest British pro-

posals. Nor is that all. Mr.

Chen is merely deceiving himself

when he fails to see the necessity

for the landing of troops at

Shanghai. After the recent events

at Hankow, that necessity is as

clear as daylight. Moreover, as

the Japanese Foreign Minister, in

a statement to the Budget Com-

mittee in Tokyo, has pointed out,

it is impossible for Britain, owing

to her geographical position, to

wait upon events in Shanghai,

the despatch of British troops,

therefore, being a proper and

natural precautionary measure

for the safety of British subjects.

Similar views are held in the

United States, where the news

that Mr. Chen has refused to con-

tinue negotiations with the Briti-

sh has been received with great

regret. As the "New York

Times" emphasises, Mr. Chen's action is not likely to encourage the British and other Powers to further conciliation, it being difficult, as the same paper adds, to see justice or sense in Mr. Chen's protest about the movement of troops, when it is agreed by everyone—save Mr. Chen—that neither the British, American nor Japanese Governments wishes to see force used in China except as a last resort for the protection of their nationals. But possibly Mr. Chen at the moment has little concern for justice or sense. For as the London "Times" interprets his "strange proceeding," the deduction may fairly be drawn that he is not altogether a free agent. Be that as it may, Mr. Chen would be wise to remember that, just as offers can be made, so can they be withdrawn. He is playing a dangerous game, and "with the opinion of the world against him, the sooner he breaks away from his evil advisers, the better it will be for him—and for the Nationalist cause."

**JAIL AND THE BIRCH.****DREW HIS KNIFE.**

"If you are fighting with a man, that's no excuse for drawing a knife," said Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to a Chinese charged with that offence. His Worship passed sentence of fourteen days' hard labour.

Under a new decree of the Italian Council of Ministers, all

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**"KUNG HAY—"****HONG KONG ENJOYS CHINA NEW YEAR.****LOCAL FESTIVE SPIRIT.**

In spite of vague rumours that all would not be well, another China New Year has been celebrated in Hong Kong in time-honoured style. There was no doubt that tightness of money was a big factor in the annual "settlement" on Tuesday, but so far at least, it has yet to be learned that there were many big "crashes."

Late on China New Year Eve, it seemed that everybody had done his best and the spirit of festivity was entered into thoroughly. There were significant empty patches at the bazaar to show which trade had done best in the scramble for festive funds. Flowers were sold for the proverbial song but these considered to be of "joss" significance went for fancy prices.

**Sentiment and Practice.**

Yesterday and to-day, the first days of the year, were given over to visits of formal character and dignified observance.

One still wished—without thinking of the supposed shortage of money—all good luck for a friend during the current year and then in the same breath suggested a game of "pai kau" or "fantan" with which to counter the sentiments of "Kung Hay Fat Choy."

Trams, motor-cars, rickshas and ferries carried load after load of gaily dressed Chinese bent on pleasure, offering felicitations to friends and relatives, and showing the true holiday spirit.

**Largesse for Kiddies.**

To-morrow, the third day of the year, is not considered good for visiting, the ladies associating with it a superstition of gossip and petty quarrels.

A gradual return to business will commence on Saturday and the holiday spirit will practically be over by Monday. Kiddies in European families who have received the "lucky red paper" (with a five cent piece inside) from the cook or amah, may still expect to be favoured with this form of largesse as late as the fifteenth day of the first moon.

The restaurants at West Point are open and the theatres played to capacity houses.

**"T.N.T." BY AIR.****THE LATEST WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION.**

London.—The fact that an unmaned aeroplane carrying T.N.T. had been propelled a distance of thirty-five miles in America was mentioned by Captain Garro Jones, M.P., at a meeting of the 1920 Club in London in the course of an address on "Air Development."

The catapult system of launching aeroplanes from the decks of ships, said Captain Jones, had important and immediate possibilities, and it would not be many years before great liners approaching the heads of Europe or America would discharge from their upper deck flights of small aeroplanes, loaded with urgent mails or with special passengers. This development would come the sooner because it did not involve the more difficult problem of alighting on the deck from the air. A matter that required the attention of the British people was that aeroplanes were being developed more rapidly as weapons of destruction than as commercial machines. In the United States unmaned aeroplanes, carrying a tremendous destructive force in the form of T.N.T., had been propelled on to objectives thirty-five miles distant. If this distance were increased to 100 miles (as it shortly would be), London would become hopelessly vulnerable to that form of attack from the Continent.

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**OUR \$50 PRIZE.****Result of the Second Puzzle.****THREE COMPETITORS TIE**

MR. F. E. WILKINS RECEIVES PRESENTATION.

**HAPPY SOCIAL EVENING.**

A large number of the European staff of the Naval Yard gathered together in the Dockyard Clubrooms on Tuesday evening to bid farewell to Mr. F. E. Wilkins, foreman of boilermakers, who is re-appointed Home after serving seven years in the Hong Kong Naval Yard.

Mr. C. Young presided, and among those present were Engr. Captain E. G. Fullot, D.S.O., and Engr. Commander Sebastian.

The chairman, in the course of a complimentary speech, referred to the many good points and sporting qualities of Mr. Wilkins, who was he said, one of those quiet social workers who was here, there, and everywhere. He was sorry to lose such a good associate.

In presenting Mr. Wilkins with a solid silver tea set and tray, subscribed for by the European staffs of the various departments in the Yard, Engr. Captain Fullot spoke of his excellent qualities, and noted with deep satisfaction the enthusiasm shown by him at all times in connection with his various duties as a foreman. It gave him great pleasure in presenting the handsome token of esteem and hoped that it would serve to remind him of the happy times he had

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## HANKOW BOMBSHELL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

agreement which shall settle the status of the portion of Chinese territory known as the British Concession at Hankow.

"This period could be ended immediately, or at any time, by the British Government re-envisioning the effect on the Nationalist mind of the present concentration of their military and naval forces at Shanghai."—Reuter.

## PEKING SILENT.

No Comment on British Proposals.

Peking, Feb. 2. The British proposals regarding China, although commented on by Sir Austen Chamberlain, will not be published in Peking until Feb. 3.

The vernacular papers still offer no comment on Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech.—Reuter.

## NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

## Attempts to Arrest Hankow Foreigners?

Wireless messages received yesterday morning from the North indicate that in certain districts trouble was anticipated over the Chinese New Year but the absence of more messages is taken to mean that such demonstrations passed off without incident.

The messages, despatched on Tuesday night, were as follows:

Eighty-six British missionaries have evacuated Chunkiang.

Shipping godown employees at Chunkiang struck yesterday.

Large propaganda meetings have been arranged over the Chinese New Year holidays.

Chinese stokers and boatmen have left H.M.S. "Woodlark" owing to pressure from their Unions.

One thousand Chinese troops have left Changsha down-river in junks for Wusih.

A wireless message regarding Hankow states that there are rumours of attempted arrests of leading foreigners to enforce demands.

A large number of troops have proceeded down-river from Hankow.

Missionaries—mostly ladies—have arrived at Kinkiang from the interior.

The difficulties experienced with the pickets regarding the searching of passengers boarding British vessels were "overcome without serious incident."

A Nanking message states that troops which left yesterday have landed 20 miles below Wuhu.

## FORCES FOR CHINA.

Malta's Great Send Off For Troops.

Malta, Feb. 1. The Second Border and the First Bedford and Hertford Regiments, which are going to Shanghai on board the "Mertonite" are in the highest of spirits.

The transport had a tremendous send-off as it moved through a line of battleships to the strains of "Shanghai" and "Auld Lang Syne," the crews of the battleships and the crowds ashore cheering very heartily.

Major-General Duncan expressed the opinion that there would be no trouble in China as the force we were sending was quite sufficient to prevent it.—Reuter.

## Plane Carrier Sails.

London, Feb. 1. The plane carrier "Argus," which has been reconditioned at Chatham at a cost of £270,000, has gone to China from Portsmouth loaded with aeroplanes and spare parts. She has a full complement of naval and R.A.F. personnel.

The carrier "Hermes" and the cruiser "Vindictive" fitted up as a carrier are already in China. When the "Argus" arrives there will be eighty aeroplanes available.—Reuter.

## Troops From India.

Bombay, Feb. 1. A further contingent of British and Indian troops has "left for China."—Reuter.

## AMERICA HOPEFUL.

Expect Results from Amicable Proposals.

Washington, Feb. 2.

It is learned at the White House that Pres. Coolidge does not expect that it will be necessary for Americans to evacuate Shanghai as a result of the Chinese disorders, but the American naval forces are concentrating there so as to be prepared for any contingency.

The President is not apprehensive owing to over a hundred Americans being reported missing in the interior of China, since he believes that they have merely lost touch with communications.

The Administration is still hopeful that the recent amicable proposals of the United States Government, coupled with the recent British proposals, will ultimately lead to negotiations with the Chinese factions.

**Marines for Manila.**

Washington, Feb. 2. Twelve hundred Marines now at San Diego are going to Guam on Feb. 3, and 300 Marines at present at Guam are going to Manila.

With an enlarged detachment at Guam the United States Navy will be in a better position to transport men if required.—Reuter's American Service.

**Hopes For The Best.**

Rugby, Feb. 1. According to Washington reports published here, authoritative United States circles express the hope that the liberal British promises to China will produce a turn in the tide of anti-foreign feeling, thus obviating the necessity for the use of the armed forces of any Power to protect its nationals.—British Wireless Service.

**Reported Commission.**

Washington, Feb. 1. The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, has no knowledge of any project to appoint a new American Commission to investigate the Chinese situation which is one of several courses suggested to President Coolidge.—Reuter's American Service.

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**SPAIN AND POWERS.**

**British Proposals Approved.**

Madrid, Feb. 2. Replying to the British Government's Memorandum on China, the Spanish Government agrees to the British proposals with regard to the immediate application of the customs surtaxes and the gradual modification of extraterritoriality, provided adequate guarantees are given for Spanish nationals residing in China.

The Spanish Government holds the opinion that in view of the present situation in China, a political declaration by all the Powers adhering to the Washington Convention would be a delicate matter, but Spain will not break the desired unanimity if the Powers more directly interested have reached agreement with regard to such a declaration.—Reuter.

**EARLIER MESSAGES.**

London, Feb. 1. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Glasgow Unionist Association Sir John Gilmour said that the Chinese situation was one of great difficulty but that the Government was pursuing a pacific policy and was dealing with the Chinese people in the fairest, openest possible manner.

The policy of ensuring the security of the Empire by establishing a base at Singapore was now fully justified. If Britain had that base to-day there would not have been the present difficulty.

British policy was not aggressive but not an easy one. The desperate element existing in the world to-day must be resisted.—Reuter.

**Hankow Pictures.**

London, Feb. 1. The newspapers in London are giving prominence to pictures of the British marines in their stand before the mob in Hankow.

**LIBERAL VIEWS.**

China and the League.

Rugby, Feb. 1. In a speech in London last night Lord Grey referred to the situation in China in its relation

to the League of Nations. He said that the recent speech of Sir Austen Chamberlain, in as far as he could judge, commanded the approval of the whole country. In no reference was made to the League because the situation in China was for two reasons unsatisfactory for the League.

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## "IN" PRIVATE."

## THE "SUNNING" PIRACY COMMISSION.

## GOVERNMENT ADAMANT.

Correspondence passing between the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers Guild of China on the one side and the Hong Kong Government on the other relative to the constitution of the "Sunning" Piracy Commission has been forwarded for publication.

Firstly the great difficulty in China was the state of civil war existing there. The League could not deal with internal affairs.

Secondly in the Chinese Nationalist policy considerable influence was being exercised by the Soviet Government of Moscow, which was openly hostile to the League.

In such circumstances to bring the League into this question would be regarded by the Chinese Nationalists and their Soviet advisers not as a conciliatory gesture but as a challenge.

If, however, the Chinese Nationalists were prepared to accept the League solution, the British would be quite agreeable. Even if they were not so prepared, yet the League of Nations spirit was manifestly doing a great deal to restrain public opinion not to resort to force, even under great provocation except in defence of life and property and after every possible peaceful means had been tried to settle the dispute.

Lord Cecil said that he fully agreed with what Lord Grey had said.—British Wireless Service.

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**RED TIE TO GO.**

## CHANGE ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

The red tie universally worn by the men of the operating section on the Southern Railway is to go. It will be replaced by a blue tie, which the railway company will issue. The red tie was worn for many years as part of the uniform of railway servants of the London and South-Western Company, and when the amalgamation was effected it was adopted for the operating grades of all the railways which formed the new Southern Group.

How the tie came to be adopted is an interesting story. A director was travelling on the old London and South-Western Railway system some years ago when a difficulty arose about stopping the train, and he conceived the idea that every man engaged in operating train should wear a bold red tie so that in case of emergency it could be taken off and used as a danger signal.

The idea was adopted, and became part of the official uniform of porters and other traffic grades.

I am glad that the company is doing away with the red tie (said a railwayman) and I think most of us are. Many of the men objected to having to wear the tie, and got into trouble for not doing so. You know what Moscow has done for the country. We have been insulted by people who thought we were 'Reds,' and during General Strike the tie caused a good deal of trouble. To some it was like a red rag to a bull."

**SHADOWS BEFORE.**

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE MAIL.

## Entertainments.

February 3—Queen's Theatre; Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes."

February 3—World Theatre; "The Fool's Luck."

February 3—Star Theatre; "The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted."

Sports.

February 3—Interport Soccer—Southern China v. Eastern China, Sookumpo, 3.30 p.m.

February 3—Cricket—H.K.C.C. v. United Service, H.K.C.C. ground.

February 3—Fanling point-to-point race.

February 5—Fifth tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

February 5—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwanti Race Course.

Meetings.

February 8—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's 5.15 p.m.

February 10—Adjourned meeting of Kowloon Football Club, Clubhouse, Chatham Rd., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

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Judge John Barton Payne, Chairman of the American Red Cross. He recently attended the International Red Cross Conference in Tokyo, Japan.

The Hon. Margaret and the Hon. Alison Hore-Ruthven, better known as the "Ruthven Twins," have given up Society life to become mannequins in a smart dress shop (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer). "The joy of it is," one of them told me, "that the management of the place never know which of us is on duty. Only one of us at a time is about the place, and we are so much alike that it is practically impossible to tell which of us is which unless we are side by side."

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**LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.**

The master of the s.s. "President Harrison," laid at No. 5 wharf, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that thieves entered various cabins on board the vessel during Tuesday night, stealing money and jewellery valued at \$287.

The supply to telephone users of complete market reports, not only from the Continental bourses, but also from the London Stock Exchange, is a new development of the German telephone service. The system of telephony to and from moving trains that has been adopted in that country renders these reports readily available for business men who may be actually travelling. Buying or selling orders can be given from the train with practically the same ease as from an office.

A fire broke out at Chuk Yuen, Kowloon City, on Tuesday night, destroying five matsheds valued at \$560.

When dust cart No. 28 was being driven down Square Street in the direction of Hollywood Road on Tuesday afternoon, the coolies in charge lost control of the vehicle resulting in a crash into a stall and extensive damage being done to a fire alarm standard.

The managing proprietor of the Kwong On Loong shop, No. 9, Wing Yuen Street, has reported to the Police that on Tuesday afternoon he entrusted a fokl with \$4,000 for the purpose of paying a number of bills. The fokl did not return to the store in the evening and it is believed that he has absconded to Canton.

Mr. R. Valerino, residing at No. 51, Granville Road, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that some time during the early hours of yesterday morning someone entered his house by means of a duplicate key, fitting the kitchen door, stealing a Victrola gramophone, a Mah Jong set and a felt hat, of a total value of \$1,07.

The Government of New South Wales has decided to introduce an Endowment Bill providing for married men to receive an additional wage of six shillings per week for each child, and it is estimated that the plan will cost the State and employers £7,000,000 a year.

In January, 1926, the boat of the steamer "Trevossa," which was on exhibition at Wembley, was presented to the Sussex Division R.V.N.R. and mounted on the parade ground at Hove. Since then a sum of about £22 has been collected in a box placed alongside her. At the suggestion of the general secretary of the National Seamen's Union, a sum of £20 has just been forwarded to the Henry Radcliffe Home at Limpsfield, Surrey, for all ranks and ratings of the Mercantile Marine.

A porter employed at Fanling railway station has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the head sustained as a result of his being knocked down by a locomotive when he was walking along the railway line.

**THEOSOPHY**  
"Shintoism and the Pagoda" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, February 3rd, at 8 p.m. Lecturer Mr. D. C. de Silva. The public is cordially invited to attend.—Good Library.

Theosophical books for sale. Inquiries Monday, Friday, Saturday, 6-8 p.m. Other days before and after meetings.



CYRUS E. WOODS, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN AND JAPAN.

Cyrus E. Woods, former Ambassador to Spain and Japan, whose nomination by President Coolidge to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, bids fair to bring on a fight in the Senate. Members of that body charge Woods with being involved in the last scandalous Republican primary in Pennsylvania, and say that he is not qualified to serve on the commission.

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**A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.****OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.**

This week's news from China will be eagerly awaited by people at home whose interest has now been roused to the highest pitch by the announcement of the Home Government with regard to Concessions, Treaties and Tariff.

Also there is this last chapter of Bias Bay piracy, so close to Hong Kong, of the British steamer "Seang Bee."

The "Overland China Mail" also tells how Hong Kong spent China New Year—a sign of the times in that the Chinese are happy and in festive mood in spite of what propagandists may say.

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## SPORTS SECTION

## THE INTERPORT.

## Soccer of Varying Fortunes.

HONG KONG WIN BY 4-NIL.

A scene of varying fortunes, yesterday's Interport soccer match, in which Hong Kong beat Shanghai 4 goals to nil, provided plenty of thrills, chiefly in the first half and the early part of the second for during the latter part of the game Hong Kong had more room or less their own way.

The score at half time was by no means an indication of the run of the game. Hong Kong then led by 1-0, the result of a penalty kick whereas Shanghai had made most of the running and Hong Kong's goal had had some narrow escapes. If victory had rested on the penalty goal alone many would have felt that it was not a satisfactory result although the incident which led to it gave every appearance of a deliberate foul with Brown in a favourable position for showing.

## "Stars" of the Match.

However, the penalty undoubtedly divided up players of both sides to greater efforts and the standard of play was higher from that time onwards. Half time came very shortly after Gosano had scored from the penalty kick and with the wind in their favour Hong Kong in the second half gave a far more convincing display.

The outstanding features of the game were the splendid defence of Wayne who was a tower of strength to the Hong Kong team; the splendid work of Clark in goal; the hard and effective work of Sims at centre-half; the tricky footplay of Li Wai-tong, the Shanghai (and ex-Hong Kong) inside-left, who was the most dangerous in attack and the fine work of the Shanghai full back line, Gush, Price and Hurry.

## 7,000 Spectators.

The match was played before a crowd of some 7,000 people.

Gosano and Suen Kam-shun each scored twice for Hong Kong.

The teams lined up with only two changes in those originally selected; C. H. Ho, the visiting goalkeeper for Eastern China, playing in Testall's place for Shanghai and C. F. Remedios played in Lam Yuk-ying's place for Hong Kong. Teams (right to left) were:

## Hong Kong.

Goal: Clark (Police); backs: Wayne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.) captain; halves: Hudson (Police), Sims (Kowloon F.C.) vice-captain, C. F. Remedios (Recreio); forwards: Tao Kwei-ching (Chinese Athletic), Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Athletic), Gosano (Recreio), McGlinchey (2nd Scottish Borderers); A. J. Brown (Recreio).

## Shanghai.

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## When Name Did Not Pay.

A. J. Brown managed to gain possession from an excellent "feeder" by Sims and took the ball down the wing with a splendid effort, but he was not backed up and was robbed by Baxter.

Once rebuffed, Brown endeavoured again to force the issue but his advance was too fast and his speed carried the ball into touch.

Shanghai reversed the play and Marcell attempted a try from well out. Clark, however, returned his effort into play enabling A. J. Brown to get away once more.

## Best Save of the Match.

Chen went in and secured, dash-ing down the wind in fine style with the team in support for once. A splendid shot, low and correctly placed, reached Marcell's feet and from his effort Clark made the finest save of the match to relieve a nasty situation.

## ANOTHER CENTURY.

## CLUB'S BIG SCORE v. UNITED SERVICE.

## 3 FIGURE 1ST PARTNERSHIP

Batting to such good purpose yesterday, the Hong Kong Cricket Club were able to declare their 1st innings closed in their two-day annual match against the United Services and Remedios placed nicely, the effort being cleared smartly by Hurry.

Two corners were conceded by Hurry. Remedios took both to good purpose but Shanghai were taking no chances and always sailed in after the ball to clear.

## Fine Chance Missed.

No really good football up to this period had been witnessed. Neither side seemed to be able to gain the mastery, due somewhat to lack of combination.

Then came a united effort by the Hong Kong forward line, with McGlinchey prominent, but the ball was sent wide.

Li took up the chase, passed up to Marcell and followed up the return shot from Clark with a solo effort but Clark once again frustrated all efforts.

## Fast Scoring.

Third cut after batting under three hours, Haywood made 118 out of 242. His score included 19 fours.

Spring continued to be fast after Haywood was out. Another 100 runs were added in about an hour and the innings was subsequently declared closed at 37 runs for 7 wickets down.

Going in first wicket down, Owen Hughes hit 7 fours out of his 36.

The other batsmen, Sayer had 2 sixes and 6 fours in his 52 and Hamilton had a six and 4 fours out of 19 not out.

## Services Innings.

Major Lightfoot had most of the Service bowling. Of the eight tried, Captain Bridgland took 4 wickets.

Disaster overtook the Services early when they went in to bat. The first wicket fell for 7 runs.

Then Lt. Agnew, a newcomer, and Captain Bridgland made a stand. Two wickets were down for 50 but when stumps were drawn for the day, the score was 82 for 5 wickets. Agnew being last out with 37 to his credit.

The Club put on four bowlers, each of whom took at least a wicket.

## Extends to Small Fry.

Play continues to-day. Scores: H.K.C.C.—1st Innings

A. W. Haywood, c. Shaw, b. Wright . . . . . 112

G. F. Gardner, l.b.w., b. Bridgland . . . . . 54

H. Owen Hughes, c. Shaw, b. Lightfoot . . . . . 36

G. R. Sayer, c. Lightfoot, b. Bridgland . . . . . 52

T. E. Pearce, c. Shaw, b. Bridgland . . . . . 26

J. R. Mitchell, c. Venn, b. Lightfoot . . . . . 3

H. V. Parker, not out . . . . . 26

J. R. Hinton, st. Venn, b. Bridgland . . . . . 10

E. W. Hamilton, not out . . . . . 19

Extras . . . . . 26

Total (for 7 wkts., dec.) 370

A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. Vallack did not bat.

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W. Lightfoot . . . . . 26

Ever . . . . . 11

Lake . . . . . 13

Morris . . . . . 9

Emley . . . . . 1

Bridgland . . . . . 12

Agnew . . . . . 10

Wright . . . . . 10

United Services—1st Innings.

Lt. W. G. Agnew, R.N., b. Vallack . . . . . 37

Capt. A. N. Evans, R.A.P.C., c. Owen Hughes, Bowker . . . . . 0

Capt. A. J. Bridgland, R.C., c. Sayer . . . . . 28

Capt. E. W. Morris, I.A.S.C., c. Sayer . . . . . 2

Lt. G. E. M. Sturges, R.N., b. Sayer . . . . . 0

Major L. J. Lightfoot, R.A.P.C., not out . . . . . 6

Extras . . . . . 9

Total (for 5 wkts., dec.) 82

To bat—Lt. Wright, R.A., Pay Lt. Comdr. A. P. Shaw, R.N., Lt. F. G. Emley, R.N., Rev. R. T. Venn, R.N., Pte. A. D. Luke, R.A.O.C.

## QUARTETTE OF SPORT CHAMPIONS.



Left to right:—Vincent Richards (lawn tennis professional), Babe Ruth (the baseball champion), Mlle. Suzanne Langlen (tennis champion) and Walter Hagen (golf professional champion), at the now Canadian Pacific golf course, Langara, South Vancouver, "snapped" on the roof garden of the Hotel Vancouver.

## HOME F.A. CUP.

## REPLAYS IN 4TH ROUND PROPER.

## HOLDERS GET THROUGH.

Bolton Wanderers, the holders of the English F. A. Cup, have got through another round and are in the last sixteen of this season's competition.

London, Feb. 2.

Replays to-day in the 4th round proper of the F.A. Cup (home teams given first results) resulted:

Brentford 2, West Ham 0. Everton 2, Hull 2. Arsenal 1, Port Vale 0. Bolton 3, Leeds 0. South Shields 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0.

—Reuters.

In the 5th round on Feb. 19, Brentford will be away to Reading; Arsenal receive Liverpool; Bolton will be at home to Cardiff; South Shields receive Swansett; Hull or Everton to have replay (for a second time) on neutral ground for the right of visiting Wolverhampton.

—Fast Scoring.

Third cut after batting under three hours, Haywood made 118 out of 242. His score included 19 fours.

—SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

London Feb. 2.

In division I of the Scottish Football League to-day, Celtic lost to Hibernians by 2 goals to 3—Reuters.

## QUAINT CRICKET.

## NOTES ABOUT THE GAME IN INDIA.

## A HEATED CONTROVERSY.

That India can put a fine cricket team in the field was amply proved in the match at Bombay between the M.C.C. and an All-India Indian eleven, which was drawn with the balance against the visitors.

Crickets, indeed, is one of the institutions introduced by the British that have a remarkable attraction for Indian youth, says J. E. Woolcott, formerly Editor of the Allahabad "Pioneer". In Bombay, Calcutta, and other large cities the game is played with zest by young Indian students and others who often display admirable skill in batting and bowling and are exceptionally smart in the field.

Extends to Small Fry.

The game is not confined to the regular clubs who possess all the necessary paraphernalia. Its fascinations extend to the small fry of the cities, and it is amusing to watch three or four urchins with scarcely a stitch of clothing, use a tree trunk as a wicket, a piece of bamboo as bat, and a paper ball, and set out to emulate their elders.

"How's cat?" "Good ball, sah!" are among the phrases familiar on the cricket field which come pat from the lips of these votaries of "cricket," who have no other English words in their vocabulary.

Football is also popular among Indians, many of whom play it admirably.

—Legal Man A Liar!

But, as in England, wrangles are not unknown. On one occasion a match in a country town gave rise to a heated controversy and a participant of one of the teams addressed an impassioned letter to a daily newspaper, in which he not only set out his case at portentous length but impressively informed the editor that "sworn statements drawn up on the field by a respectable legal gentleman undoubtedly prove that Surendra is a liar."

In the Indian Army, of course, the British officer has played a characteristic part in introducing games among the men, and Indian military teams have frequently distinguished themselves, especially in football and hockey. It is beyond question, too, that cricket, football, and hockey have proved of great physical and moral value to India by diverting the superfluous energies of educated young men into healthy channels.

Mr. George Allsopp, who has managed several Springbok cricket teams, commenting on the M.C.C.'s resolution for a smaller ball, says he has no doubt South Africa will adopt the idea, but thinks the only thing that can be done to help the bowler is to make the batsman use a round-faced bat. Hammond, the Gloucestershire player, who is coaching in Capetown, welcomes the suggestion of the smaller ball. He says the present ball is too clumsy to handle.

—Opinions in England.

Some time ago when the matter was the subject of a big controversy in England the ideas of notable players were as follows:

T. W. Durston (Middlesex) said: "The standard ball of 1926 was so enlarged after a few overs that bowlers were unable to control it. A quarter of an inch less circumference would make a wonderful difference."

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## SMALLER BALL.

## AUSTRALIAN BOWLERS IN FAVOUR.

## OPINION ON M.C.C. PROJECT.

Will the smaller cricket ball help the bowlers?

Following the Marylebone Cricket Club's special sub-committee's recommendation that the circumference of the ball should be a minimum of eight and thirteen-sixteenths of an inch, and that the law should be altered for the season of 1927, and enforced in 1928, cricketers all over Australia have been eagerly discussing the change.

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"The Proper Place" (by O. Douglas) (Hodder and Stoughton). A fascinating story of a war-time profiteer who buys the estate of an aristocratic family impoverished by the war. Complications begin when the two families become united by marriage, and ultimate friendships are made between the two families by virtue of the fact that the wife of the war-time profiteer and the niece of the deceased aristocrats find much in common. An interesting study of post-war conditions but not brilliant from the reviewer's point of view.

"The Woman Tempted" (by Vera, Countess of Cathecart) (John Long, Publisher).

Hot stuff! A series of adventures and experiments in love with a Rhodesian background. Louise Harding, the beautiful, rich young widow whose amorous experiences are ably described refuses to shoulder the responsibilities of a second marriage. However, she receives the reward of her own folly at the last, when the men she loves turn her down. There is much of interest of life in Rhodesia, where there is no "To-day of Past Regrets and Future Fears." This novel has been filmed with great success.

"John's Penelope" (by Baroness Albert D'Anethan) (published by Stanley Paul & Co.)

An absorbingly human story set in Japan. It could only have been written by one who has lived in intimate relation with the Japanese for many years. The description of the earthquake is masterly. The Canadian Pacific Liners "Empress of Canada" and "Empress of Australia" are mentioned in connection with the heroic assistance of the officers and staff of these ships during the earthquake. There is plenty of action and interest is maintained right through the story. Other works by this gifted author, published by Stanley Paul & Co., include "It Happened in Japan" and "The Twin Soul of O'Take, San." In constant contact, as we are, with the Japanese people in this Colony, this story should prove of more than ordinary interest to Hong Kong people.

The Studding Stables Mystery, by Ben Strong (Hodder and Stoughton, Publishers).

This story centres around Newmarket. Racing and the gee gees are the main interest. There's a love affair, some blackmail, a murder, and a sensational arrest. This is the second book by Ben Strong, and will be well received by all interested in horses. The style of the story is very similar to that of Nat Gould. I recommend the book highly.

**LADY BLANCHE BALFOUR.**

This little volume contains not only a study of the life and character of this saintly woman, whose example and teaching were no doubt the greatest influence on her children's future attainment of distinction in public life, but it has also a brief biography of the author, the very Rev. James Robertson, D. D. For fifty years Dr. Robertson ministered in the little parish of Whittingham, in close and intimate association with the Balfour family. The words of Chaucer, "To lead mankind to heaven by gentleness and good example was his business," are quoted as aptly describing the character of Dr. Robertson.

After reading this little record of their lives, one feels one has met and known two rare and divinely immortal souls, who themselves were a living testimony of God's supreme being.

[Lady Blanche Balfour by James Robertson D.D. London: Hodder & Stoughton 6/-.]

**THE GYPSY.**

"Where do I live when I'm at home?"  
The gypsy laughed to me.  
"My heartstone's laid in the good red loam / And the sky was raised for my own roof-tree. As he carries his house on a shiny track / I carry the sky, like a snail, on my back. Till it dabbles its eaves in the sea."

"And when dark drops down and the roof grows thin / I haven't a place to be lonesome in. For I look through the moon like a clean-washed pane / And a candle set in the house of a friend where I'll come again."

"Where I wake, sun-up, with a fern-leaf curled In my crumpled palm, as a child could come,

**JOSEPH CONRAD'S LETTERS.**

The "Intimate Letters of Joseph Conrad," the serial publication of which begins in the current number of "The World Today" (1s. 6d.), illustrate the romance of the Polish sailor who became a master of English letters.

Conrad, who died at Bishop'sbourne, near Canterbury, on August 4, 1924, explains in one of these letters that he went to sea at the age of 17 and was 19 before he learned English.

"In writing," he declared, "I wrestle painfully with that language which I feel I do not possess, but which possesses me ala!" Yet his skill in word-painting made his writings of absorbing interest.

**SIR BARRIE'S RESENTMENT.**

Side-lights on authors' minds are contained in autographed letters and manuscripts sold at



The charm of the Canadian Rockies has cast a spell over the thousands who have drunk in the beauty of its lofty peaks and deep-set valleys. The majesty of such scenes that abound around Banff and Lake Louise has inspired many to set down their feelings in words. Mary Belle Rich of Spokane, Wash., is one of the latest contributors to this literature of the Canadian Rockies. In "Thoughts from the Sunny South" she has written:

Though I tarry by this bonnie southern Bay And my thoughts are bright and cheery, still they wander up your way Till they reach your Royal Rockies, with their wealth of pebbly peaks, Lakes of jasper, jade and sapphire, silver brooks and crystal creeks; Forest lure, that lurks defiant, on a slope that clips a cloud Lone, upon a boulder towering, pilot pine, so straight, so proud! And the scene is all so vivid that I sniff the crisp air Though it blows from gien and glacier till I fancy I'm there! Then I scent your prairie pine, rich with golden grain, And over your "Sierra" look and listen for famous C. P. Train! And here a sky of blue that's blinding, as the sun is sinking low, To a pink or purple lustre, shot by flame and orchid glow; And it makes me oh, so happy! these delightful thoughts of you, And it makes me doubly happy, for I know 'tis all so true! You're a wonderful Alberta, you're a blessing to the west! And to Canada a credit; you're a "maple" burst of BEST!

That's where I live when I'm at home—

Right in the world."

Beatrice Ravenel, in "The Arrow of Lightning."

**READING ALOUD.**

When there is so much to read, there is little time for conversation; nor is there leisure for another pastime of the ancient firesides, called reading aloud. The listeners, who heard while they looked into the wide chimney-place, saw there pass in stately procession the events and the grand persons of history, were kindled with the delights of travel, touched by the romance of true love, or made restless by tales of adventure—the hearth became a sort of magic stone that could transport those who sat by it to the most distant places and times, as soon as the book was opened and the reader began, of a winter's night.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARREN.

Messrs. Hodgson and Co.'s auction rooms in Chancery Lane, W.C., on December 16.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, writing from Bermuda, March 21, 1894, declines an offer for a book in advance:

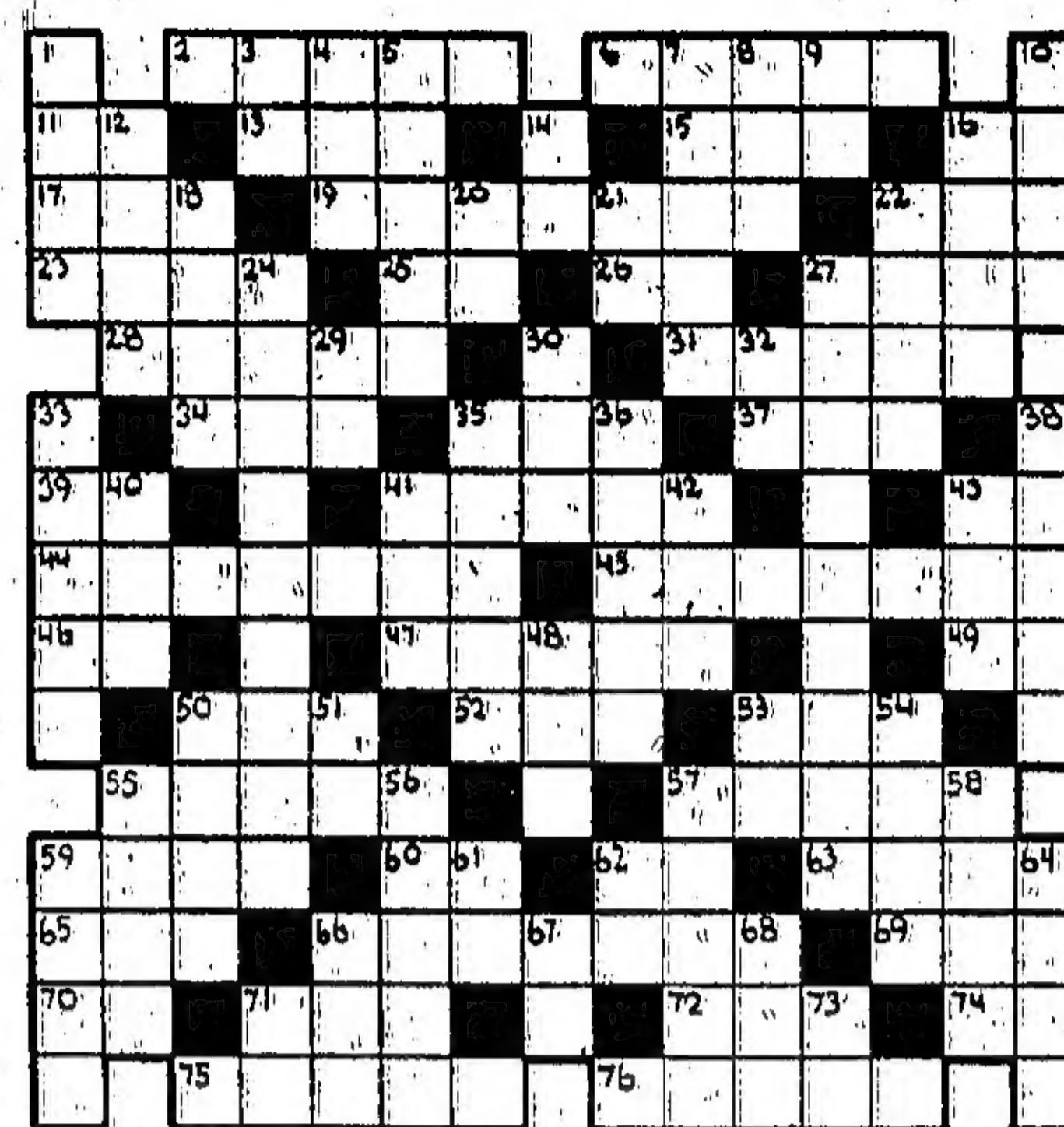
Because I have a notion it would have me pad or shirk or do something of that kind, and a 20,000-worder would take me a couple of years because it would begin at about 70,000.

In an autograph letter written by Sir J. M. Barrie between 1891-1894, occurs the sentence, "I resent being told what I am to write about."

There was not a public library in any of our great cities which was really up to date, and most were hopelessly out of date, Mr. L. Stanley Just, chief librarian of the Manchester libraries, declared in a lecture at University College.

**BRINGING UP FATHER.****DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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**HORIZONTAL.**

2-Small disk  
6-Robust  
11-College degree (abbr.)  
13-A number  
15-Knock  
16-Behold!  
17-Believe  
19-January first  
22-Male beings  
23-Fail.  
25-Prefix meaning "again"  
26-Part of verb "to be"  
27-Highway  
28-Bridge  
31-Imports  
34-Also  
35-Sorrowful  
37-Suitable  
38-That man  
41-Internal  
43-Prefix meaning "double"  
44-Set free  
45-Something to turn over on New Year's Day (two words)  
46-Unit of weight (abbr.)  
47-Froth  
48-Exist  
50-Untruth  
52-Cereals

53-Over ("post")  
55-Surfs  
57-Make void  
58-Facial feature  
60-Note of music  
62-Name  
63-Boats  
65-One length of a course  
66-Determine  
68-Without discount  
70-Pronoun  
71-Nothing  
72-Wrath  
74-S. Can. State of U. S. (abbr.)  
75-Basely  
76-Affable

**VERTICAL.**

1-State of authority  
3-When  
4-Part of a fish  
5-Put forth  
7-Homies; wanderer  
8-For propelling boat  
9-Towards the top over on New Year's Day (two words)  
10-A band  
12-Sharp point  
13-Possessive pronoun (abbr.)  
14-Precedes  
15-Contest  
20-Pronoun  
21-Each (abbr.)  
22-Ditch

**VERTICAL (Cont.).**

24-Advancement in rank  
27-Religious  
28-On condition that  
30-Prohibit  
32-Exclamation  
33-Laminated rock  
35-Scuff  
36-Thief  
38-Musical instrument (ph.)  
40-Flow out  
41-A climbing vine  
42-To soak  
43-Small soft lump  
48-Yea  
50-Flick  
51-Preposition  
53-Forward  
54-Overthrow  
55-Informal speech  
56-Job  
57-Iron block  
58-Plant of onion family  
59-Cut  
61-Part of verb "to be"  
62-Boy's name (short)  
64-Mythological river  
65-Free  
67-Preposition  
68-Period of time  
71-Bodium (chem. sym.)  
72-Prefix, in

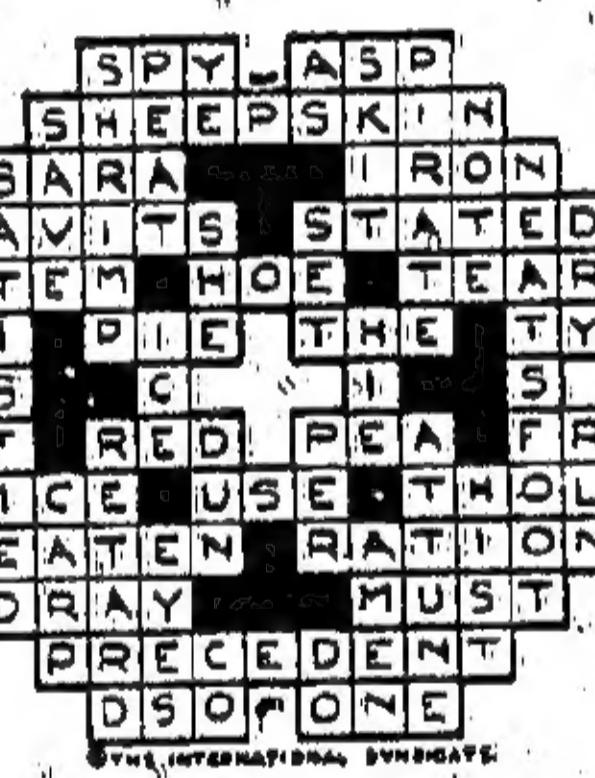
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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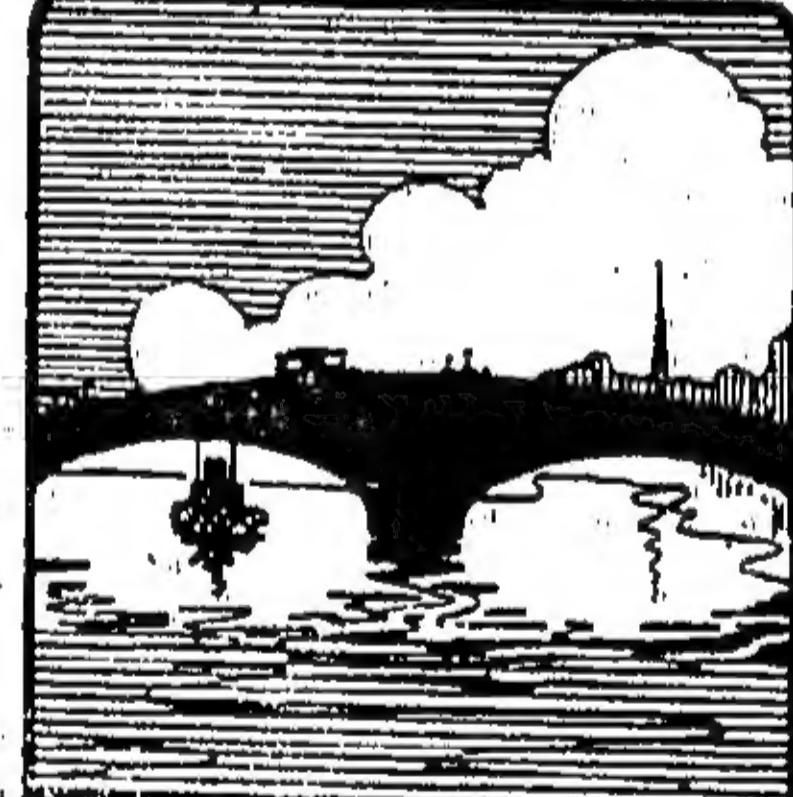
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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A Massachusetts "Willow Tree" three-penny bit, struck in 1852, was sold for £305 at Sotheby's.

Christmas gifts to the record amount of 1,000 guineas were made from the Eccentric Club's Benevolent Fund.

At Fleetwood, food inspectors condemned as unfit for food 10,000 stones of fish, brought in by a German fishing steamer from the White Sea.

The British steamer "Highland Prince," of the Rio-Cape Line, has rescued the captain and crew of seven men of the three-masted schooner "Eufrosine," of Riga, abandoned in the Atlantic.

"A sunny future for the Empire" was the Christmas wish and farewell message of the Right Hon. S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, on leaving Waterloo on his homeward journey.

It is now believed that 55 lives were lost when the steamer "Linseed King" capsized, states a New York message. The vessel was used for transporting men from Manhattan to a factory on the New Jersey shore.

Colonel the Right Hon. F. S. Jackson, who recently resigned the chairmanship of the Unionist party organisation, was presented, at the Unionist Central Office, with a parting gift from heads of departments and area agents of the party.

An inquiry which is being conducted by a Cabinet Committee into the subject of the further enfranchisement of women is merely in the preliminary stage. There is understood to be no likelihood that a Franchise Bill will be introduced by the Government before 1928.

A resolution was adopted by the Young Communists League Conference in support of "the bourgeoisie youth movement." According to the mover of the resolution organisations such as the League of Young Liberals, the Junior Imperial League, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, and the Y.M.C.A., are subsidised by philanthropists or employers "all carrying on a settled propaganda against the spirit of working-class ideas."

The Boilermakers' Union's December report shows that there were 29,638 members out of work. It also discloses a bank overdraft of £227,077.

A Berlin message states that at Dausenau, near Bad Ems, a floating dock used in the construction of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. J. Havelock Wilson has been busily engaged in Glasgow with both employers and employees and discussing matters relating to trade union policy, so enabling them to fully understand the aims of the Industrial Peace Union.

Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, the air officer commanding the Inland Area, R.A.F., has been injured in a collision between two cars at Edgware. Both cars were badly damaged, and broken glass from the wind-screens and windows cut Air Vice-Marshal Longcroft on the neck, severing a small vein, and it is expected that he will be laid up for a few days.

In 1926 163,579 articles were lodged in the Lost Property Office at New Scotland Yard. In one day 696 umbrellas were handed in. Owing to the rapid increase of the work of the department, new premises have been taken at 109, Lambeth Road. Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of Police, stated that the change would result in the improved efficiency of the police, whose most important departments would now be housed under one roof, and in a saving to the London ratepayers.

"NEURALGIA," said the Doctor, "like many other nervous afflictions, may be guarded against by maintaining blood and nerves at the highest point of efficiency. A tonic that is not merely a temporary stimulant, but one that builds up both blood and nerves, is a far more rational means of acquiring immunity to neuralgia, and of lessening its recurrence, than the use of analgesics or sedatives which, while effective, afford but temporary relief."

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Taxation amounting to £18,864.319 was paid during 1926 in respect of 1,547,891 vehicles.

Canon Alexander says there are no new facts to justify the alarmist statements recently made as to the dangerous condition of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Railwaymen has decided to impose a levy of 3d. per week on all members during 1927 in an effort to recoup their depleted funds.

At Clerkenwell Police Court the summons against Professor Verney, of University College, for receiving a wolfhound mongrel was dismissed, the magistrate remarking that the prosecution ought not to have been launched. The charge against George Phipps, a labourer, of Albert Street, Kilburn, of stealing the dog, was also dismissed.

The Headmasters' Conference at Brighton College engaged in an animated discussion on the relative merits of the old and of the reformed pronunciation of Latin, and a resolution advocating a return to the old style was defeated. Strong criticism was offered regarding the circular sent out by the headmaster of Eton intimating that the reformed pronunciation was no longer essential at Eton.

In the first three months' administration of Poor-Law relief in West Ham, under the board of three appointed by the Minister of Health, striking economies were effected. The number of cases receiving relief was reduced by over 25 per cent., and the amount given in relief by 45 per cent. The board estimate that the effect of their administration in the half-year ending March 31 next will be a saving of £351,241.

An experiment with specially allotted crossing places for pedestrians is being made in Parliament Square, where the gyratory system of traffic is in force. If the inconvenience to pedestrians, which was one of the chief difficulties of the system, could be overcome, an official of the Ministry of Transport stated in an interview, there might be an extension of gyratory traffic, by which the number of traffic blocks was undoubtedly reduced.

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## INWARD MAIRS.

From	Per	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Straits		Nellora.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers)		London.
6th Jan. & parcels 30th Dec. 1926)		Mantua.
Shanghai		Morea.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.		Tanda.
Australia & Manila		Pres. McKinley.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai		Sarpedon.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.		

## OUTWARD MAIRS.

For	Per	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Hoioh, Pakhoi & Haiphong		Taihwa Maru ..... 8.30 a.m.
Batavia		Tjitaroem ..... 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)		Patricius ..... 10.30 a.m.
Manila		Pres. Taft ..... 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Mantua ..... 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 24th Feb. & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)		Pres. Jackson ..... 5 p.m.
Parcels noon. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.		Achilles ..... 5 p.m.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

	Morea.	Per	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Saigon	Ninghai	10 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong	Noon	
Amoy	Anhui	5 p.m.	
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6.	Kuio, Maru	8.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Lok Sun	9 a.m.	
Sandakan			
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.			

*Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon.	Fook Sang.	Per	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Letters 1 p.m.	Shantung	5 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	Neon	
Manila	Pres. McKinley	3.30 p.m.	
Swatow	Kwongkung	5 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	Tean	10 a.m.	

Hoioh & Haiphong	Sarpedon.	Per	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles			
9th March. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.			
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.	Mingsang	8.30 a.m.	
Haiphong			
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.			

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## PEKING MANDATE.

Protest by British Legation.

### EFFECT ON BONDS.

Peking, Feb. 2.  
The British Legation has protested to the Washington regarding Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal.

Domestic Bonds Decline.

Peking, Feb. 2.  
Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal has caused some drop in domestic bonds, but there is no real panic.

Owing to the New Year there is practically no market. There are no buyers and few sellers.

It is pointed out by brokers that owing to the situation, bonds have been dropping steadily for three months. For instance the Tenth Year 7 Per Cent. issue in November was .92; it is now .77. The Seventh Year 6 Per Cent. issue in November was .82; it is now .63.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Peking, Feb. 1.  
Following the Finance Ministry's statement issued last evening, a mandate late last night dismissed Sir Francis Aglen and appointed Mr. Edwardes as Acting Inspector-General of Customs.

The mandate specially lays down that all foreign loans and indemnities, and the domestic loan service shall remain unimpaired.

Admiral Tsai Ting-kan has resigned the headship of the Shuiwuchu' (Customs Revenue Administration). The mandate appoints the ex-Minister, Lo Wen-kan, to replace him.

Though his refusal to collect the surtaxes is given as the reason for Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal, the vernacular papers state that the Government is licensed at his visit to Hankow to see Mr. Eukens Chen. They also state that Chang Tao-lin, who has for years disliked Sir Francis, and some days ago instructed Mr. Wellington Koo to dismiss him.

Sir Francis Aglen is at present on his way to Peking from Shanghai. He is expected to arrive on Thursday.—Reuter.

## REBELS KILLED.

### PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY'S ATTACK.

### SULTAN SAVES DAUGHTER.

Manila, Feb. 1.  
The Philippine Constabulary attacked with rifles and tear gas the fortress of the rebel Datu Tahil on Jolo Island.

Thirty-five rebels were killed. The wounded have not yet been numbered.

Tahil finally fled, leaving 200 followers to carry on the fight.

The Sultan of Sulu visited the rebel stronghold on Jan. 30. He failed to persuade Tahil to surrender, but succeeded in removing his daughter, the Princess Tarhata, Tahil's fourth wife, before the battle.—Reuter.

## U.S. NAVY.

### SENATE AND PROPOSED CRUISERS.

Washington, Feb. 1.  
In spite of the avowed opposition of President Coolidge to the immediate construction of three new cruisers, which is part of the accepted building programme for the Navy, the Senate by 48 to 27 votes decided to amend the pending Navy Bill by authorising an appropriation of \$1,200,000 for their immediate construction.

The House of Representatives, however, when the Bill was submitted to it voted down a similar amendment out of consideration of President Coolidge's view.—Reuter's American Service.

## HEAVY RAINS.

### FURTHER MALAY STATES DAMAGE.

Singapore, Feb. 1.  
Further heavy rains in the Malay States have caused serious landslides blocking the railway, and many roads.

The night mail trains are not running.—Reuter.

## CLEAN SLATE.

Agreement on German Disarmament.

### SEVEN YEARS' WORK ENDS.

Paris, Feb. 1.  
The agreement of the Conference of Ambassadors with the German Government as regards fortifications on Germany's Eastern frontiers passes the sponge over the whole disarmament problem and gives Germany a clean slate.

It is agreed that the Kustrin Glogau fortress and 22 fortification works in Koenigsberg shall be destroyed.

As regards East Prussia a zone shall be defined in which fortifications will be banned, apart from those whose existence was noted in 1920, but the Allies agree to the retention of a number of dug-outs built since 1920.

Germany undertakes to pass a Bill prohibiting the manufacture, import and export of all kinds of war material, apart from the restricted rights allowed Germany under the peace treaty as regards military and naval armaments.—Reuter.

Arbitration Avoided.

Rugby, Feb. 1.  
Reports from Paris state that at today's adjourned meeting of the Conference of Ambassadors, agreement was reached on the outstanding differences regarding German disarmament.

The only important matter at issue remaining had reference to the Koenigsberg fortifications, and as a result of instructions received from Berlin by the representatives of the German Government, settlement has been effected directly between them and the conference, as representing the Allied Powers without reference of the dispute to arbitration.

The Inter-Allied Military Commission of Control in the form in which it was constituted by articles 203 to 208 of the Peace Treaty now ceases to exist after some seven years' work.—British Wireless Service.

## LIBEL SUIT.

Honour of Gladstone Cleared.

### CAPTAIN WRIGHT'S REGRETS.

London, Feb. 1.  
The Gladstone case was dramatically resumed with the reading of a telegram from Mrs. Lainson from Monte Carlo "strongly repudiating the slanderous accusation of Captain Peter Wright."

In the course of 10½ hours' cross-examination Lord Gladstone's counsel endeavoured to show the flimsy basis of Captain Wright's assertions, namely the after dinner talks of many years ago.

Counsel quoted on the subject of Lord Milner's reference to the sonnet from a book by Mr. T. P. O'Connor in which Lord Milner was described as jokingly using the word "surrogio," meaning Mr. Gladstone's wife and daughter.

At the conclusion Captain Wright regretted the publication of the passage of the book, and said that if Lord Gladstone would withdraw the "old coward and fool," he (Wright) would say he was extremely sorry to have hurt Lord Gladstone's feelings.

Rugby, Feb. 1.  
Mr. Justice Avery held that Lord Gladstone's letter on which the libel case was based was written on a privileged occasion, but left the jury to decide whether Lord Gladstone was actuated by malice.

The case was adjourned.—Reuter.

## FALL INTO SEA.

### BRITISH PLANES COLLIDE IN MID-AIR.

Rugby, Feb. 2.  
Details have been received of an air collision which occurred yesterday over the sea off Benhaigas, Malta. The machines were a Fairey 3d. seaplane and a Fairey Flycatcher.

Both fell into the sea after the collision.

The pilot of the Fairey Flycatcher, Flying Officer Miles, was killed. The pilot of the other machine, Flying Officer Howlett, was uninjured but his two companions, Wing Commander Cook and Flight Sergeant Worster were slightly hurt.—British Wireless Service.

## SOVIET'S JAPAN ENVOY.

Moscow, Feb. 1.  
Mr. Dovgalevsky former Soviet Minister to Sweden, has been appointed Ambassador to Tokyo, replacing Mr. Victor Kopp.—Reuter.

## NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED DECREASES.

Rugby, Feb. 1.  
The Ministry of Labour states that the number of unemployed on January 24 was 42,318 less than the week before, but was still 147,873 more than on the corresponding date last year. The total was 1,348,700.—British Wireless Service.

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